CLERGY:

V. Rev. Canon Fitzgerald P.P., V.F. Phone: 025-84090.

V. Rev. Canon O'Leary P.E., C.C. Phone: 025-84088.

Rev. Fr. Burke C.C. Phone: 025-84077.

Parish Office – Patricia Dwane: Phone: 025-84062. *Open 9am-*

12pm

Canon O'Leary is on Sick Call this week; Phone Number: 087 – 2524979

• Vocations Sunday: Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday and special day of prayer.

•Powerful Catholic Bible Study and Healing: Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic Lay Preacher will lead a day of Bible meditation, prayer and healing through scripture in Mitchelstown Town Hall on Saturday, 5th May from 11.00am to 6.00pm. He will share his profound insights into the Bible, unveiling the power of the word of God. Experience the healing and freeing power of the Lord's word in your life. Please bring a Bible and notebook for taking notes. All are welcome. Contact: Catherine 087-7727496

Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: 7.30pm

Sunday & Holy Day: 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.

Weekdays: 8.30am & 10.00am

FIRST FRIDAYS: 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.

Bank Holidays: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

ROSARY: Monday – Saturday: 9.45am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

Eve of First Fridays & Eve of Holy Days: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00-7.30pm

We encourage families to practice monthly Confession

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

<u>EUCHARISTIC HEALING HOUR:</u> Thursday evening at **8.00pm** – **9.00pm** with Reflections on the World Meeting of Families and Eucharistic Healing Blessing.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: 9.30am. First Friday: 7.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **7.00pm.**

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day:10.30am. First Friday: 6.30pm.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday: **6.00pm.**

Mitchelstown & Fermoy Lourdes District Fund wish to thank the Parishioners of Mitchelstown and surrounding areas for their generous support of our recent Church Gate Collection, ϵ 980 was raised. A Special word of thanks to all the collectors who gave their time generously.

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

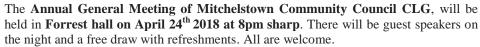
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The State of the Parish: If we read the first three chapters of the final book of the Bible (The book of revelation/apocalypse) the Risen Lord appears to St. John and reveals the state of seven parishes: Ephesus, Syriena, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia &Laodicea.It makes interesting reading and reflection when you think: What might Jesus have to say today to the Parish of Mitchelstown? In each of the parishes in Revelation, Jesus has positive and encouraging things to say, as well as severe corrections and warnings. What is clear, from the Revelation messages, is that when a Parish is drawn away from Christ and the Gospel, that Parish will go into decline. We all have a responsibility to make sure that, does not happen to Mitchelstown. From the youngest to the oldest and by deed, word and prayer, we must all work enthusiastically to keep the Lord at the centre of the Parish. Our greatness depends on whether the Lord is at the center or not.

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations: Our first elected Parish Pastoral Council completes its three year term this Summer. There were fifteen members elected on the Council three years ago. The Constitution of the Council states that a member may remain for a 2nd term and when that member serves six years, he/she must take a break for two years, before they can be elected again. Nine of the present Council have decided to stay for a 2nd term. This ensures that there is continuity and that the new members are supported. Mitchelstown Parish Pastoral Council concerns itself solely with the faith life of the Parish. We encourage those of you who are newly nominated not to be afraid to come forward. Those with the majority of nominations will be contacted. Please hand in your nominations by this Sunday.

World Meeting of Families: The programme of the three-day Pastoral Congress for WMOF2018, from 22nd to 24th August, will include a daily programme of workshops, discussions, as well as fun and prayerful activities, for individuals and families, including a tailored programme for children (4-12yrs) and young people (13-17yrs). The highlight of each day will be the celebration of the Eucharist, in the main arena. Fun activities for all the family, will run throughout the day in the Conference venue, except during the celebration of Mass in the Main Arena. Themes from The 'Joy of Love' will be explored on each day of the Pastoral Congress. Friday 24th of August is the day designated for the Cashel Province, which includes the Diocese of Cloyne. When you book your tickets for Friday of the Congress you are guaranteed a ticket to the Festival of Families on Saturday evening 25th of August and for the Celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday 26th August.

There will be a bus going from the Parish on Friday, 24^{th} August and Sunday 26^{th} August. We encourage Parishioners to participate in the event and to let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you would like to travel by bus on the above dates, as tickets will need to be booked soon. Cost for both days is approximately \in 74 (Ticket for the Friday - \in 38, bus for both days - \in 36, no charge for the Sunday ticket – there may be a small concession for over 65's). So please contact the Parish Office to book your place.



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Living with TYPE 2 DIABETES? – Let us help. For adults diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes you can now register for our free course (one 2.5 hour session per week for 6 sessions) which will run in Mitchelstown starting on **15**th **May**. This course is run by HSE Community Dietitians". Please ring Anne Marie on 086 7871885 to book your place.

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Mitchelstown Carmelite Lourdes Group - Afternoon Tea Dance: Joe Cooke Band & Jimmy O'Donoghue and his Band. Firgrove Hotel, Sunday, 6th May, 3pm-6pm. Admission €10. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Our Annual Draw will take place at the Dance, tickets still on sale from any of the 'Blue Tie Members'

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On behalf of **The Irish Blood Transfusion Service**, please pass on our thanks to all who contributed to the running of this Clinic. **239** Donors attended our Blood Donor Clinic in **The Firgrove Hotel**. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. Donating Blood is a precious gift that brings life and hope to patients, their families and friends.

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VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA- Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 17 June 2018. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Support and Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs.

If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope.

Contact Denis, Humanitarian Volunteers086 8520271.

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Mitchelstown Flower and Garden Club will have Bernadette Scanlon on Thursday April 26th at 8pm in the Town Hall. Arrangement Title is "April Showers". Horticulture

is 1 April Blossom and 3 Stems of Rhubarb.

All members and non-members welcome.

KNOCK – Eucharistic Adoration Day in Knock. Bus to Knock on Sunday, 29thApril 2018. Coach leaving: The Square in Mitchelstown at 6.45am. Stopping in Gort for Breakfast & Evening Meal. Adults €20, Children €10. Contact Anna Buckley, Ballylanders 087-7873743. Bookings BEFORE Wednesday 25th April

NEWLY BAPTISED:

We welcome into our Catholic Community, through the Sacrament of Baptism: Fiadh O'Brien

The next meeting to discuss **St. Joseph's Foundation's Annual Spring Fair** will take place on **This Monday, 16th April at 7.00pm, in St. Joseph's Campus, Baker's Road, Charleville.** The Annual Spring Fair will take place on Sunday, April 29th. Your help with this event would be greatly appreciated. We would be delighted if you could attend the meeting.

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P.T.A.A. Private Members Draw Results Thursday, 22nd March 2018:

1st Prize:€1000M. Kelly, Trillick, Co. Tyrone.Card: 33, Line: 9.2nd Prize:€400East Cavan Region, C/o M. Boylan.Card: 6, Line: 6.3rd Prize:€200K. Yates + 3, Birr, Co. Offaly.Card: 29, Line: 9.4th Prize:€100P. Totten, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone. Card: 34, Line: 9.Six Promoters Prizes of €40 each;

1. T. Marren, Co. Mayo. 2. R. Glackin, Derry City. 3. R. Glackin, Derry City.

4. A. Costello, Co. Limerick. 5. R. Shannon, Co. Cork.6. J. Dowling, Co. Laois.

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 18th April 2018. Local Promoter John Casey 087-6477897

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Shapers (Molan's Hair Salon), 4 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, are hosting a DRAWon ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY, Thursday, 3rd May. Tickets €2.00 per strip or €5 for 3 strips. All funds raised are for Mallow Day Care Centre. Please support this great cause. TICKETS ON SALE NOW - PLEASE CALL IN ANYTIME!"

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Glenbrohane Community Association presents Spring Evening of Song with the Bel Canto Choir from Mitchelstown on Friday 20th April @ 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm) in St. Patrick's Church, Glenbrohane. This Concert is in aid of Pieta House and the up keep of Glenbrohane Hall and Church. Tickets €10 and available from Ger 087-2379020 or Andrew 085-1263590 or from shops in Knocklong, Elton, Ballylanders, Galbally, Mitchelstown Centra. Refreshments in hall after.

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Mitchelstown will once again host the **Darkness Into Light 5k run/walk** in aid of Pieta House on **May 12**th **at 4.15am**, starting at Mitchelstown Leisure Centre. Registration is online only this year and is now open with an early bird discount applicable until April 11^{th} , $\bullet \in 20$ per adult, $\bullet \in 15$ per OAP, unemployed and students $\bullet \in 5$ for children 6-17yrs. Register at <u>dil.pieta.ie</u>

We look forward to seeing you all on the morning of May 12th

On **April 18**th tens of thousands of Irish People will begin 33 days of preparation to consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary.If you want to join us you can get Fr Michael Gaitley's Book *free* from Veritas, or use St Louis De Montfort's book. Both of these books are also available on the Internet, or use this website https://www.fisheaters.com/totalconsecrationmontfort.html

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A few places remain on our: **Trip of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, June 6**th – **16**th **2018.** Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar) in association with PREMIER TRAVEL, Cork. Contact Mícheál at 086 8337681 or emailculturaltoursireland@gmail.com.